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WARNER, ALLARD URGE ACADEMY LEADERSHIP CHANGE

AIR FORCE SHOULD CONSIDER FEMALE OFFICER

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Chairman John Warner (R-VA) have sent a joint letter to Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche stating "a change in leadership" should be the Secretary's highest priority regarding the alleged sexual assault situation at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The letter adds that Roche should consider placing one of the highly qualified women serving in the general officer ranks to a senior leadership position at the Air Force Academy.

The Senators believe there was a failure to take effective action regarding the situation currently at the Academy with the allegations of sexual assault and rape. Senator Allard has received 39 reports of such cases.

"Chairman Warner and I remain extremely troubled by this situation and we feel that this is the most appropriate course of action," said Allard. "I will continue my commitment to finding the root of this problem in order to change the current culture at the Academy."